

# Basic Organization for Hospital Fund Drive Ready

The executive committee for the Little Company of Mary Hospital campaign yesterday reported after a two-hour breakfast session that all preliminary organization for the \$778,000 fund drive has been completed and solicitation of advance gifts will begin immediately.

Major activity in the community participation in creating the new 125-bed institution will be concentrated at this

time upon industry and local business.

Already assured are gifts totaling \$150,000 from doctors of the area.

Under present plans, the industry committee, headed by Gerald L. Revell, president of Cal-Metal Corp., will assume responsibility for providing sufficient funds to build and equip 125 beds. All other funds—from retail business, professional firms, and individuals,

labor, and the general public—will be set aside toward the contemplated expansion of the hospital to 250 beds.

Attending yesterday's executive committee meeting were G. M. Revell, G. M. Eastham, M.D., Paul Loranger, R. A. Stetson, M.D., and King Williams. Information concerning the voluntary, tax-free institution has been sent to all top executives of industries located in the area and to home offices of

these firms. First industrial gifts are expected to be announced Dec. 13 when the industry committee will have its formal kickoff meeting.

"With more than 400 industrial firms to cover in the service area of the hospital," Revell said, "it has taken some time to see that they are all fully informed concerning the project. I feel that this has now been accomplished, and that from this point forward

we shall begin to see some tangible results. I am hopeful that by our Dec. 13 meeting we shall be in a position to report some substantial advance gifts."

A local business committee will begin activity this week to follow a similar pattern with business firms in the area. A special sub-committee will undertake solicitation of some 36 new businesses which will be opened at the two new shopping centers here.

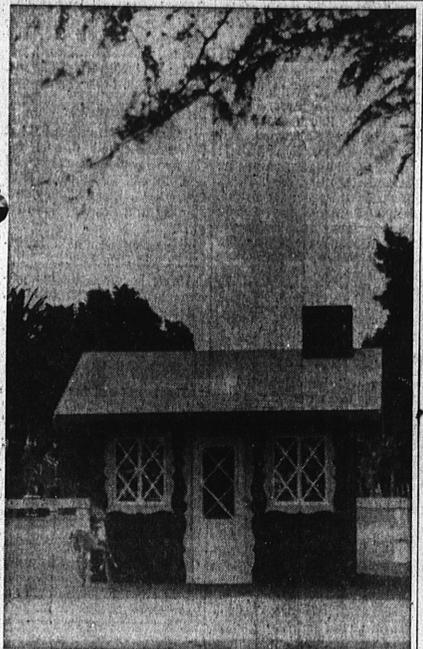
Participation of labor in the campaign has been assured by representatives of CIO, AFL, and Machinists unions in the area, who held their first meeting Nov. 27, and who will expand their group for another gathering Dec. 10. Attending the first meeting were B. M. Dougan, Oil Chemical and Atomic Worker International Union; Al Harrison, International Union of Operating Engineers; Gordon Lewis, Los Angeles CIO Council; E. W. Eg-

bert, International Union of Operating Engineers; Michael O'Raidy, United Steel Workers of America.

On Dec. 11 all Protestant ministers of the area have been invited to an information meeting at which they will be informed of the completely non-sectarian role of the hospital in its medical services to the people. Records show that in all Catholic hospitals across the nation, approximately 80 per cent of patients are non-Cath-

olics, while more than 85 per cent of the medical staffs are non-Catholics.

Gerald M. Eastham, M.D., chairman of the doctors campaign committee, emphasized that the primary concern of the doctors is for the highest standard of medical care and service, and that patients at the new hospital will be admitted on a basis of the gravity of their illness or injury and without regard to race, creed or color.



READY FOR SANTA . . . Santa's El Prado Park Headquarters was being readied for his arrival this week with a sturdy set of reindeer, plenty of snow on hand, and a direct line to his North Pole headquarters. Santa will arrive at the headquarters by fire truck after the parade here tomorrow night.

## TV Stars Head Parade Features

Television stars Dick Jones, who portrays Buffalo Bill Jr. and Calamity Jane, will head a long list of parade celebrities here tomorrow evening as the Second Annual Christmas Parade gets under way at 6 p.m. at Carson St. and Cabrillo Ave.

The huge parade, to be led off by the Torrance Mounted Police Color Guard, will move up Cabrillo to Sartori, Sartori to Post, on Post to Cravens, and back to the starting point.

Santa, who will be riding a fire truck at the end of the four-division parade, will get off at Santaland at El Prado park and will officially open the local headquarters. It will remain open until Christmas.

Many Entries  
Tomorrow night's parade promises to be one of the most exciting of the season with more than 100 entries ranging from beautifully decorated mounted riders to bands, Indians, religious floats, majorettes, service club floats, a Civil Air Patrol squadron, veterans' groups, and other colorful units.

The parade will start off promptly at 6 p.m., according to Police Lt. D. C. Cook, who is coordinating the program. Cook said yesterday that entrants for the parade have

come from all points of Southern California, including Whittier, Puente, Monrovia, North Hollywood, and will compete with a large number of local entrants for trophies.

Bands to March  
At least five bands will march tomorrow evening, Cook said. Torrance High, North High, and Mira Costa High School bands will be in the early sections of the parade, the Torrance Area Youth Cadet Band and the Westchester Youth Band will provide the tempo for Sections 3 and 4. The Accordionettes of Torrance will be near the end of the parade line.

Tomorrow night's parade officially opens the Christmas shopping season in the city.

Stores in downtown Torrance will remain open until 9 each weekday evening until Christmas, according to Charles Gots, president of the Retail Merchants' Assn. The stores will close at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve.

## Two Schools to Open Soon; Three More Nearly Ready

Two new elementary schools will open their doors for the first time next January, removing nearly 1000 children from double session classes and three others will open later in the year, easing considerably the double session problem elsewhere.

Scheduled for a January opening are Anza School, El-linwood and Leonore, and Meadow Park School, adjoining the present temporary facilities at 3860 W. 230th St. Carl Shaner, vice principal at Riviera School, this week was named principal at Anza School, while Herbert Paris will continue in the position he holds at Meadow Park.

Two Schools Open  
Scheduled for opening in

February or March are Flavian School, Hallison and Flavian, and Edison School, Doty and 182nd St. An early spring opening date is predicted for Parkway School, Calle Miramar and Palos Verdes Blvd. Additional schools are expected to be completed during the 1957-58 school year, which school officials hope will solve the critical double session problems here.

Anza School, which will serve the children in the Southwood Tract, will eliminate the need for double sessions at Fern-Greenwood School and reduce the doubling up at Madrona School to the primary grades only. Children from this area now attend both schools. The new

### WEATHER

Long awaited rains came to Torrance yesterday with .31 inches recorded by 3:30 p.m. Main front of the storm was due here last night and another storm may hit the area tonight and Friday, weather officials report.

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# COURT DROPS DOPE CASE AGAINST TWO LOCAL MEN

## School Trustees In Busy Session

A number of important decisions on matters ranging from teachers' salaries to removing Torrance children from double sessions were made Monday night by the Board of Education, as it prepared to leave for the California School Boards' Association meet in San Francisco.

## \$2 MILLION IN SCHOOL BONDS SOLD

A \$2,750,000 Torrance Unified School District bond issue was sold Tuesday by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to Bank of America and associates as the best bidder for the issue, according to Dean L. Sears, manager of the bank's Torrance branch.

In competitive bidding the bank offered an interest rate of 4 per cent and an additional cash payment into the county treasury of \$6,529 as a premium. The premium had the effect of lowering the interest rate the taxpayers pay from 4 to 3.92 per cent.

The bond issue was passed by the voters in 1955, and is for construction and improvements in school buildings and equipment in the district.

Manager Sears said it is the bank's policy to bid on all bonds issued by the state and its political subdivisions that can be legally underwritten and marketed. He explained that competitive bidding makes it possible for school districts and other bond issuing agencies to obtain more favorable interest terms.

### Radio Aerial Stolen

His radio aerial was torn off his car by thieves, Phillip William Wechselberger, 2240 Lomita Blvd., told sheriff's deputies Monday.

## 102-Year-Old Fire Victim Dies Here

A 102-year-old victim of a fire which destroyed his house 10 days ago died yesterday morning in Harbor General Hospital of third degree burns which covered 30 per cent of his body.

Refugio Zavala, 900 E. Carson St., was injured in a fire on Nov. 25 which swept through the small house in which he lived alone.

When County firemen arrived at the scene, Zavala was in front of the house, directing firemen to save his two goats and two dogs. The two goats died in the flames, and Fireman Nathaniel Duke was burned while rescuing a dog.

The fire, which totally destroyed the building, apparently started from an old wood-burning stove, firemen said.

Funeral services are pending at Stone and Myers Mortuary.

## POLICE TELL MERCHANTS OF BAD CHECK UPSURGE

A warning to merchants that the seasonal-upsurge in bad checks is about due to begin was issued yesterday by Det. Capt. Ernest Ashton of the local Police Department.

"The number of worthless check reports received by this department usually increases about Dec. 1 and continues to climb until Christmas," Ashton told The HERALD.

He said his office already has started receiving complaints of incidents where people are figuratively paying Santa Claus with bogus paper.

"The police department is not a collection agency; we are an agency for prosecution," Ashton emphasized. "And our ability to prosecute usually is only as good as the ability of the victim to describe and identify the maker of the bad check."

He urged all merchants to take the driver's license number, vehicle license number and other pertinent information of the makers of all checks accepted.

## National Supply Employees Strike

Pickets continued on their beats this week at entrances to the National Supply Co. plant here after a Sunday night walkout of about 900 production employees of the huge oil tool manufacturing plant.

The strike was called by officials of the Oil, Chemical, and Atomic Workers' International Union, Local 1-128, after negotiations for a new contract had reached a deadlock.

Services of a federal mediator, Fred Ferguson, who was brought in on Nov. 14 at the union's request, failed to conclude the agreement.

Works Manager John Spalding yesterday reviewed the discussion which led up to the midnight Sunday walkout in a statement given to The HERALD.

Met Oct. 18  
"The company representatives met with the union representatives on Oct. 18 for the purpose of beginning negotiations on a new agreement, to become effective upon termination of the agreement then in effect," Spalding stated.

"After an exploratory discussion of the new terms and conditions that the union was asking for in the new agreement, the company submitted to the union on Oct. 19 its complete group insurance proposal covering improved hospital and surgical benefits, one of the important items to be negotiated in the new agreement."

Spalding said discussions on the plan lasted for several days, and on Oct. 25 the union replied that it was still studying the plan and would not be able to answer until Oct. 30.

Other Items Studied  
In addition to the insurance talks, many other aspects of the contract were discussed

## Codd, Fields Win Dismissal

Two of the nine Torrance area youths arrested here last month on charges of violating the State narcotics law were released this week by Judge Otto B. Willett at preliminary hearings, two others pleaded guilty and will be sentenced tomorrow, while three will face Superior Court hearings on the charges later this month.

Released when the charges against them were dismissed were:

William Codd, 20, 1130 Ocean Ave., and Dick Farrell Fields, 20, 1620 W. 219th St.

Pleading guilty to the charges and held for sentencing Friday were:

Merton Neil Stoner, 20, 4424 W. 179th St., and Jack William Boal, 21, 2360 Torrance Blvd.

Stoner was transferred to the Los Angeles Superior Court for sentencing and Boal was transferred to the Long Beach Superior Court for sentencing tomorrow.

Held to answer charges were:

Burt John Smith, 21, 23304 Falena Ave., and Tony Albert Almeida, 18, 5202 W. 182nd St., and Robert Eugene Fulbright, 19, Manhattan Beach.

All three will appear in Superior Court on Dec. 17 for arraignment on the charges that they violated State narcotics laws.

Two other suspects, whose names have not been used as they are juveniles, are being processed on the charges by juvenile authorities in Los Angeles.

All nine of the youths were arrested here and at a Redondo Beach bowling center two

weeks ago by sheriff's deputies and Torrance police on charges of violating narcotics laws.

The arrests followed investigations of several weeks, and officers reported that nearly 7000 barbiturate pills and several evidences of marijuana were confiscated during the arrests.

## Santa Letters Due at HERALD By December 15

Just a little more than one week remains to enter the "Letter to Santa" contest sponsored by The HERALD and to compete for one of the four \$15 merchandise prizes, the HERALD's Christmas Editor warned this week as he waded through a growing stack of letters from Torrance area youngsters.

One mail delivery alone brought nearly 50 letters this week, he reported, and the competition for the \$60 in prize certificates is getting extremely keen.

Desires Vary  
Christmas wishes range a wide field with Torrance area youngsters—and the desires

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## 'Success Story' Friday to Feature Harvey Aluminum

"Success Story" cameras move into the nation's largest independent manufacturers of wrought aluminum products tomorrow night, saluting Harvey Aluminum of Torrance.

Here at 7 on KTTV, Channel 11, viewers will observe this company's modern-day methods which miraculously transform raw aluminum into the many products that are used today throughout the country by both consumer and industry.

### Wartime Contributor

Harvey Aluminum, which has enjoyed tremendous growth in recent years, was founded by Leo M. Harvey in 1914. Pioneering the use of lightweight aluminum for aircraft here in the West, this company played a vital part in aiding the efforts of World War I as well as contributing extensively to the needs of World War II.

Today this company makes contributions to the manufac-

ture of truck and house trailers, automotive and appliance products, as well as its worthy assistance to the shipbuilding and aircraft industries. It is nationally renowned for its highest standards of quality—standards that go beyond normal consumer requirements and even surpass government specifications.

### Plant Toured

With Reporter Ken Peter, "Success Story" unfolds with a tour of the company's huge plant. Cameras pick up the processing of the raw aluminum from its pure, raw form and follow it through to where it's mixed with other material in large furnaces, then poured into massive molds (becoming "logs"), and on to where it's sawed into smaller sized billets, and finally processed by gigantic 8000-ton extrusion presses which squeeze and press the metal into required sizes and shapes.

16 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT  
BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS  
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